

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 36 and 45.

Please amend claims 33 and 35 as follows:

B⁵ 33. (Amended) An antibody that specifically binds to a protein comprising the amino acid sequence set forth in SEQ ID NO: 2, ^{sub C1} or a portion thereof..

B⁶ 35. (Amended) The antibody of claim 34, wherein the antibody is further coupled to a detectable substance. _{sub C2}

Please add claims 46-56 as follows:

46. (New) An antibody that binds to a protein comprising an amino acid sequence at least 60 % homologous to the amino acid sequence set forth in SEQ ID NO: 2, wherein the protein interacts with Rel Homology domain of an NFAT family protein.

B⁶ 47. (New) The antibody of claim 46, wherein the antibody binds to a protein comprising an amino acid sequence at least 70 % homologous to the amino acid sequence set forth in SEQ ID NO: 2, wherein the protein interacts with Rel Homology domain of an NFAT family protein. _C

48. (New) The antibody of claim 46, wherein the antibody binds to a protein comprising an amino acid sequence at least 80 % homologous to the amino acid sequence set forth in SEQ ID NO: 2, wherein the protein interacts with Rel Homology domain of an NFAT family protein.

49. (New) The antibody of claim 46, wherein the antibody binds to a protein comprising an amino acid sequence at least 90 % homologous to the amino acid sequence set forth in SEQ ID NO: 2, wherein the protein interacts with Rel Homology domain of an NFAT family protein.

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50. (New) The antibody of claim 46, wherein the antibody binds to a protein comprising an amino acid sequence at least 95 % homologous to the amino acid sequence set forth in SEQ ID NO: 2, wherein the protein interacts with Rel Homology domain of an NFAT family protein.

51. (New) An antibody that binds to an antigenic peptide comprising at least 8 amino acid residues of the amino acid sequence set forth in SEQ ID NO: 2, such that the antibody forms a specific immune complex with a protein that interacts with a Rel Homology domain of an NFAT protein.

52. (New) The antibody of claim 51, wherein the peptide comprises at least 10 amino acid residues of the amino acid sequence set forth in SEQ ID NO:2.

53. (New) The antibody of claim 51, wherein the peptide comprises at least 15 amino acid residues of the amino acid sequence set forth in SEQ ID NO:2.

54. (New) The antibody of claim 51, wherein the peptide comprises at least 20 amino acid residues of the amino acid sequence set forth in SEQ ID NO:2.

55. (New) The antibody of claim 51, wherein the peptide comprises at least 30 amino acid residues of the amino acid sequence set forth in SEQ ID NO:2.

56. (New) The antibody of claim 51, wherein the peptide is hydrophilic.

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